

GERMANS DRIVEN BACK ALONG BRITISH FRONT

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(Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.)
PARIS, December 5.—(General Sir John French and his British forces made doubly memorable the official visit of King George to the trenches of his fighting forces to-day by a brilliant and dashing offensive, in which the Germans were driven back all along the British front from Dixmude to the Lys.

North of the Lys they charged from their trenches at daybreak and fell pell-mell upon the German first line earthworks. They went down among the Germans with cold steel and thrust, killed and beat down the helmeted occupants until they had cut them down about them.

When the first ditch was chock-a-block with gouging, tearing, khaki and gray fighting, dying and dead, the German counter-attack was repulsed at the top of the mass and did not stop until the second line of intrenchments had been taken.

Some 500 metres from the British position to the second line of trenches and the British fought every inch of the way. They fought like demons. It was superhuman. The Germans were repulsed by the audacity of the attack and the brilliance of its execution, that there was no effort made to retrieve their losses. Unofficial accounts of the charge place the German losses at one-half of those engaged. The British losses were heavy, but did not approach the casualties of the enemy.

The British also settled a dispute of a month's standing by winning the "Battle of the ferry house," which has been bitterly contested, first by the Belgians then by the French.

To the east of Poelcote, on the right bank of the Yser, about half-way between Dixmude and Ypres, on a mound which commands the surrounding ground for every military purpose, stands the house of the ferry keeper, or what is left of it, for the structure has long since been shattered by shrapnel and lead.

The Germans have held it against all attacks—checked desperately, for this position effectively blocked the allies' plan of straightening the salient of Ypres. It was the one advanced position, aside from the occupation of Dixmude (a questionable advantage), that the Germans enjoyed. It jutted into the allied line and held the allies at this point from advancing to menace the German gun position.

On the day of yesterday the British began to bring strong pressure to bear against the German stronghold. Massed field pieces and concentrated fire of the quick driving artillery opened the attack. Infantry assaults followed under the most difficult conditions, for the intervening ground was a morass, and passage afoot was perilous.

To-day the pressure told. With a curious onslaught, the British troops stormed the trenches, and the belated troops were compelled to withdraw. Later they formed and attempted to take the mound in a violent counter-attack, in which fresh troops participated.

They brought their heavy artillery to bear on the German position on the mound, and it is now believed that the allies of France will be able to hold it until the line to the south can be brought up to a line with it, a point which is the plan of the allies in this section.

Northwest of Langemark another engagement was fought, which is related closely to this straightening of the Ypres salient. Slightly more than half a mile distant from Langemark is the hamlet of Weldendrecht, which the Germans have been attacking for several days. The French War Office now admits that the Germans have been able to occupy a portion of the village, but the British resistance was so stubborn they were able to retain possession of the western portion of the town only.

The battle north of Arras continues, but the fighting now rests with the artillery. Terrific cannonading from one side and another was all the action reported during the day, neither side gaining any advantage. In Champagne, there was like activity. Rheims also

was bombarded heavily by the German guns. Several of the German earthworks were destroyed in these areas by the French guns.

In the Argonne the battle was hotly waged all day. The French troops succeeded in taking a number of the German trenches and holding them against the counterattacks of the Germans.

CENTRE OF OPERATIONS MOVES TO SOUTH OF LODZ

Heavy Fighting Reported Along Line From Glinow to the Vistula River.

PETROGRAD, December 5 (via London, 7:55 P. M.).—The centre of the field of operations in the eastern war front has moved to the south of Lodz, in Russian Poland. Heavy fighting is reported along the line from Glinow, sixteen miles northeast of Lodz, to the Vistula River.

The strength of the German forces opposing the Russian advance is estimated at five corps, each corps occupying a front from eight to ten miles in extent.

There are indications that, owing to exhaustion of troops composing the German centre, most of those regiments have been withdrawn or are resting on their arms, and that fresher troops are holding the line.

News dispatches from the front attribute the Russian success in crushing the Germans near Lodz chiefly to the endurance and tireless aggression of the Siberian troops.

The entire wooded region from Pleskino to Kurpin is described as a German graveyard. Here an unreported Siberian battalion is reported to have charged a battery of heavy German artillery, and to have bayoneted the gunners.

The dead and wounded in this district are reported so thick that the Russian hospital corps, after working three days, had not cleared the field. Most of the Germans treated showed bayonet wounds.

The fire-blackened ruins of the village of Kurpin, dispatches from the front say, are packed with charred bodies of Germans who took refuge from Siberian bayonets to fall under the fire of a Russian battery.

Dispatches from Poland say the German disaster attending a march to reach the main German force from an isolated centre, began with the charge of the Siberians at Rzgow, six miles south of Lodz. The Siberians, after a long march, entered prepared trenches and immediately asked permission to attack Rzgow, where the Germans were intrenched. They deployed and attacked the German position from two sides. The unexpected

adness of the assault surprised the Germans, and the first trenches were quickly taken, though the Germans soon recaptured them. In the next few hours these trenches were taken and retaken three times.

The Germans finally retreated northward, being pounded by the Russians until the main body of Germans was reached.

A rough cross surmounted by a peaked helmet and another cross, on which rests a Siberian cap, bloodstained and bullet-holed, now marks the field where thousands of dead lie side by side.

TO CONFEDERATE DEAD

ST. LOUIS, December 5.—A monument in memory of the sailors and soldiers of the Confederacy was unveiled in Forest Park here this afternoon. It is the work of Julian Zelinsky.

An address was delivered by General Bennet H. Young, of Louisville, commander-in-chief of the United Confederate Veterans. The monument was erected under the auspices of the St. Louis Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy.

IN APPRECIATION OF SHARP

PARIS, December 5 (7 P. M.).—The Temps comments appreciatively on that part of the speech of the new American ambassador, Walter Graves Sharp, in presenting his credentials, which referred to French patriotism and courage.

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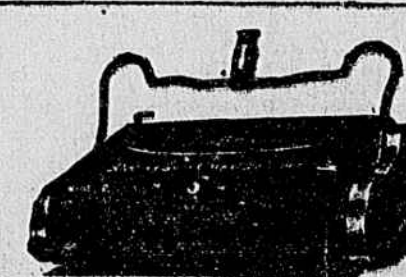
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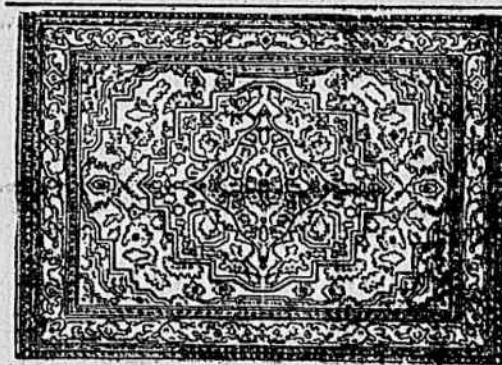


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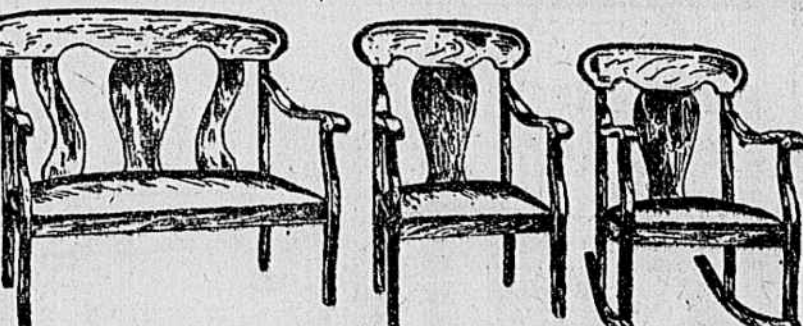
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Forecast: Virginia—Rain Sunday and probably Monday.
North Carolina—Local rains Sunday; cloudy.

Local Temperature Yesterday.
12 noon temperature..... 47
5 P. M. temperature..... 50
8 P. M. temperature..... 48
Maximum temperature to 8 P. M. 47
Minimum temperature to 8 P. M. 45
Mean temperature..... 46
Normal temperature..... 43
Deviation in temperature..... 2
Dewpoint in temperature..... 32
March 1..... 174
Accumulated deficiency in temperature since January 1..... 10.20

Local Rainfall Yesterday.
Rainfall last twelve hours..... 40
Rainfall last twenty-four hours..... 70
Deficiency in rainfall since March 1..... 11.00
Accumulated deficiency in rainfall since January 1..... 10.20

Local Observations at 8 P. M. Yesterday.
Temperature, 43; humidity, 87; wind, direction, north; wind, velocity, 14; weather, rain.

CONDITIONS IN IMPORTANT CITIES.
(At 8 P. M. Eastern Standard Time.)

Place	Ther.	H.	W.	L.	Weather
Asheville	42	46	42	Cloudy	
Baltimore	42	48	42	Cloudy	
Atlantic City	42	48	42	Rain	
Boston	32	36	32	Cloudy	
Butte	22	26	22	Cloudy	
Calgary	22	26	22	Cloudy	
Charleston	58	68	58	Cloudy	
Chicago	44	48	44	Cloudy	
Cincinnati	36	40	36	Clear	
Duluth	34	36	34	Cloudy	
Elaveston	54	56	50	Clear	
Hartford	36	40	36	Clear	
Jacksonville	56	68	54	Cloudy	
Kansas City	36	40	36	Rain	
Los Angeles	46	50	46	Cloudy	
Montgomery	50	52	48	Clear	
New Orleans	52	54	52	Cloudy	
New York	48	52	48	Cloudy	
Norfolk	48	52	48	Clear	
Oklahoma	40	50	40	Cloudy	
Pittsburgh	36	42	36	Snow	
Portland	44	50	44	Cloudy	
San Francisco	50	52	48	P. cloudy	
St. Louis	48	52	48	Clear	
Spokane	36	38	36	Cloudy	
Tampa	58	70	58	Clear	
Washington	38	42	38	Rain	
Winnipeg	28	32	28	Cloudy	
Wytheville	36	38	36	Rain	

MINIATURE ALMANAC.
December 6, 1914.
Sun rises..... 7:11
Sun sets..... 4:50
Morning..... 7:13
Evening..... 7:57